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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York and Boston. Elsewhere, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to good, best where promotions were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were usually sufficient and were held confidently. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate and demand was generally light. Light type fowl were adequate for current requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher on all sizes based on previous week average pricing. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm on white eggs and steady for brown eggs. Demand was light to moderate, best into planned feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were sufficient for slaughter needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate, best where limited feature activity was present. Supplies were generally adequate and held with increased confidence.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply higher on all sizes except small when compared to the previous week. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 1 cent for large and medium and were unchanged for small. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, usually good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were reported as adequate to tight as sellers continue to hold product in anticipation of higher prices. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was quiet with offerings adequate. Breakers were working from regular commitments and sourcing unneeded heavy nest runs into graded channels. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

CHICAGO Price for all sizes increased 1 cent. Trade sentiment steady to firm. Retail and food service demand moderate to good, best where features are a factor. Supplies of all sizes adequate to barely adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were generally higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were usually adequate for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending March 16, 2001 was 69.82 cents, unchanged from last week and unchanged from the same week a year ago. Breaking stock offerings were irregular, but usually fully sufficient for a fair demand. Light type fowl were adequate for processing requirements.

WESTERN Prices 9 cents higher on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last Monday with California up 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 5%. Retailer demand opened moderate after a good weekend as buyers tried to beat the price increase. Offerings light and held confidently.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	104-106	93-95	79-81
New York	82-84	79-82	66-69
Philadelphia	76-82	74-80	61-66
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	72-73	70.5-72	56-57
Jackson (1)	80-81	79-80	65-66
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	77-92	76-90	60-74
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	69-74	68-73	53-58
Detroit (2)	65-68	64-67	48-51
Major Ohio Cities (2)	64-72	63-70	48-55
Major Wisconsin Cities	69-76	67-74	52-59
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	85-88	82-84	66-68
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	106	99	89

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices 9 cents higher on all sizes. The California inventory was 8% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings confidently held. Small invoice price 69. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 119, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 99. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	118		
EXTRA LARGE	106		
LARGE	99		
MEDIUM	89		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 23, 2001 will increase by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 16, 2001 were 254,350 cases which was 9 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	219,024	35,326	254,350
% change from the prior week.....	-10	-4	-9

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings adequate. Breakers were working from regular commitments and sourcing unneeded heavy nest runs into grading channels. Schedules were full-time to part-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	
NEST RUN	36-39	37-39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was slightly higher than the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-MAR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11 CENTS/LB.	6-8	7.73
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for about adequate to short offerings. Processing schedules were in a range of less than normal to normal. Interest for canners was clearing available offerings. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-MAR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9 CENTS/LB.	7-9	8.12
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 19,2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT				
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.1	15.9	6.4	12.7	8.6	52.7	
	Change	0.6	-3.7	-0.1	-1.3	-2.0	-11%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.5	43.1	14.0	27.8	22.3	131.7	
	Change	4.1	2.4	1.4	-10.3	-2.6	-4%	
Large	Curr Wk	52.5	103.5	61.7	72.8	104.7	395.2	
	Change	18.6	14.2	-2.8	7.4	12.4	14%	
Medium	Curr Wk	15.9	29.5	12.0	20.2	19.5	97.1	
	Change	-2.8	-6.7	-1.3	-2.4	2.6	-10%	
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	6.5	2.0	6.0	6.7	24.2	
	Change	0.7	-2.1	0.4	0.2	-0.6	-5%	
Misc	Curr Wk	7.3	23.7	4.2	13.3	4.2	52.7	
	Change	-1.2	4.8	1.6	3.1	-0.1	18%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	39.3	48.9	22.8	37.4	34.7	183.1	
	Change	9.1	-0.7	0.0	2.0	2.4	8%	
Total	Curr Wk	151.6	271.1	123.1	190.2	200.7	936.7	
Percent	Change	24%	3%	-1%	-1%	6%	5%	

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	936.7	5%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	282.7	0%	38
Total Shell Egg	1219.4	4%	208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 05, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	175	171.9	162.9	111.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 05, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	136	136	126	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 16, 2001

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS	
17.25								18.50								35.75	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 1	55.00	57.00	56.25	58.00	—	—	8.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	54.00	56.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	68.00	71.67	1.50		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	71.86	76.73	2.75		
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	42.50	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	74.00	4.00		
GNR BR 2	—	—	47.00	49.00	—	—	.50	GL W MD	—	—	54.00	—	—	61.00	2.50		
GL W J	60.50	68.00	—	—	58.00	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	66.00	—	1.50										
GL W LG	—	—	—	74.00	64.00	—	5.00										
GL W MD	—	—	48.50	50.00	—	—	2.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/12/01-03/16/01

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS	
96.00								68.50								164.50	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W XL	—	56.00	48.50	50.00	—	—	5.00	GNR W 1	49.50	56.86	—	—	64.00	65.50	24.00		
GNR W 1	53.00	58.00	51.35	54.85	57.50	—	66.00	GNR W 2	—	55.85	—	—	—	—	4.00		
GNR W 2	—	53.00	54.00	56.00	51.88	—	7.00	GNR W 3	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	2.75		
GNR W 3	—	—	43.00	—	—	—	2.75	GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	42.50	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	62.00	—	—	—	68.00	71.14	1.75		
GNR BR 2	—	—	47.00	49.00	—	—	.50	GL W XL	61.00	—	—	—	71.55	73.38	8.25		
GL W J	60.50	68.00	—	—	58.00	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	64.00	—	62.00	66.25	70.70	15.00		
GL W XL	—	68.00	54.75	61.81	61.35	69.00	12.50	GL W MD	42.00	65.00	54.00	—	60.50	60.22	6.00		
GL W LG	—	62.00	59.50	65.67	60.18	—	19.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GL W MD	—	55.00	46.50	48.00	—	—	6.00										
GL W SM	—	—	24.50	27.00	—	—	2.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	52.00	53.50	41.00	—	11.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	.25										
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.00	—	—	27.00	5.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	18.00	—	—	22.00	1.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 03/04/01 - 03/10/01

State	# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To	Total State
	Northern, CA	Central, CA	Southern, CA	
Colorado	0.00	0.00	5,534.00	5,534.00
Iowa	780.00	0.00	17,648.00	18,428.00
Michigan	0.00	0.00	1,613.00	1,613.00
Minnesota	780.00	0.00	14,700.00	15,480.00
Mississippi	0.00	0.00	805.00	805.00
Missouri	0.00	0.00	10,958.00	10,958.00
Montana	0.00	0.00	716.00	716.00
Nevada	0.00	0.00	948.00	948.00
New Hampshire	0.00	0.00	2,542.00	2,542.00
Ohio	520.00	0.00	4,060.00	4,580.00
Oregon	1,377.00	664.00	0.00	2,041.00
South Dakota	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Utah	2,731.00	5,125.00	4,442.00	12,298.00
Washington	0.00	456.00	900.00	1,356.00
Wisconsin	0.00	780.00	4,337.00	5,117.00
TOTAL	6,188.00	7,025.00	69,803.00	83,016.00
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	6,188.00	7,025.00	69,803.00	83,016.00

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	85-88	74-77	60-63	21-24

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
73-76	64-70	62-67	46-51	27-31

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
48-50	32-34	11-13

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
83.35	82.35	68.35	47.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/12/01	03/05/01	3/13/00
PACIFIC COAST	76	46	550
LOS ANGELES	46	19	421

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 03/04/01-03/10/01

30-dozen cases 5,054

Receipts from the mainland: 02/25/01-03/03/01

30-dozen cases 4,555

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